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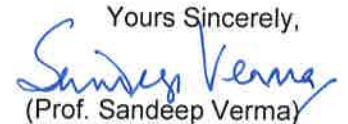
Sub: Launch of Accelerate Vigyan Scheme w.e.f. 01 July 2020

Dear Prof. Shaha,

1. You may be aware that the Group of Secretaries (SGO-8) entrusted Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), to expand the research base in the country through an innovative scheme, "Accelerate Vigyan" (AV) with three broad objectives as consolidation / aggregation of all scientific training programs in the country, initiating High end Orientation Workshops and creating opportunities for Research Internships primarily to cater to the needs of potential researchers in the Tier II & III universities / institutions. The scheme was formally launched on 1st July 2020 through various reach-out modes, including Pan-India advertisements yesterday in the leading 15 newspapers. This first call is to seek proposals to organise the events of High-End Workshops & Research Internships from scientific community in esteemed premier institutions like yours.
2. Academic and research institutions spread all over the country, have such equipment which are not only very cost intensive and sophisticated but require special skill to operate and analyse data emanating out of it. As part of the scheme AV, its component 'ABHYAAS' will make such facilities available to young students (mainly PG/Ph.D.) through intensive fully funded trainings / technical high-end workshops ('KARYASHALA') of one or two weeks duration. The 'ABHYAAS' in collaboration with scientific institutions / laboratories of MoST, MoES, MoEF&CC, DBT, MHRD, etc. will also create Research Internships ('VRITIKA') opportunities of one to two months duration for the PG level students. The aim of 'ABHYAAS' is to expose students and empower them through best practices and environment in the premier labs/institution/organizations in the country. Another component 'SAMOOHAN' of the AV scheme has been created for the purpose of aggregation of capacity building programs across different domains / disciplines funded by various scientific & academic departments / ministries / organisations in the country through its 'SAYONJIKA' program. The database so generated will act as single reference point for the young researchers, scientists and other stake holders for planning and participation.
3. In order to achieve the above goals and to work on mission mode, an Inter-Ministerial Overseeing committee (IMOC) has been constituted taking representative members among all the scientific ministries / departments as well as few other stakeholders like MHRD, UGC, DRDO, ISRO, etc. to help and support SERB in implementing "Accelerate Vigyan" scheme as a successful embodiment.
4. As the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore already has a programme (Science Education Programme) which provide Summer Research Fellowships and Lecture Workshop opportunities to students in the country, 'Accelerate Vigyan' has already approached them to suitably collaborate for strengthening and enhancing the existing program of theirs. Taking a cue from this, may I suggest that your esteemed academy also think of initiating and collaborating with 'Accelerate Vigyan' for this noble cause of scientific social responsibility in capacity building. This communication is not only to suggest such a collaboration, but also seek your kind support to create awareness through your web-portal for the faculty / scientists in the country to apply against the current call for organising 'High-End Workshops' and 'Research Internships' through funding from the 'ABHYAAS' component of the AV, closing on 31st August 2020. For the collaboration, your representative can deliberate further with SERB's representative (Dr. Rajeev Mehajan, Scientist-G & Advisor, SERB, Email- mehajan.rk@nic.in). Finer details of the AV scheme are available at www.acceleratevigyan.gov.in.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Sincerely,


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